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RE: NL/Taracorp Site
Granite City, Illinois

Dear Gentleman:

NL Industries acknowledges receipt of your correspondence specifying the additional soil analysis program on May 23, 1988. A copy of this correspondence was telefaxed to O'Brien & Gere Engineers (OBG) to expedite NL's response. NL was then advised by OBG that the time frame, specified in your correspondence, for the completion of the soils analysis and the submission of the results was totally unrealistic, as was previously indicated during our meeting of April 18, 1988.

Therefore, NL is providing notification of circumstances beyond the control of NL Industries that may delay project activities, in accordance with paragraph 31(a) of the "Agreement and Administrative Order by Consent", May 14, 1985. As indicated by the attached correspondence from OBG, an additional 30 days will be required to complete the work requested. Accordingly, we anticipate submission of the additional soils analysis by July 25, 1988 and the Final Remedial Investigation (RI) Report by September 21, 1988.

A project meeting, as recommended by NL and discussed on several occasions since our April 18th meeting on the Draft RI report comments is hereby requested. This meeting will concentrate on

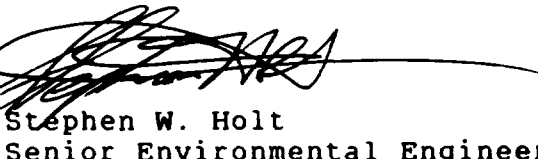
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clarification of issues other than those previously discussed concerning the Risk Assessment. It is proposed that this meeting be held between July 11th and 22nd subject to the convenience of all parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 443-2405 if you should have any questions regarding the above.

Very truly yours,



Stephen W. Holt
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Enclosure

cc: F. D. Hale, OBG

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